Suggested Timeline including Major Milestones for the PGG Ph.D.

1. **Student arrives**
   - Meets with initial advisor/advisory committee and during first semester determines a Preliminary Plan of Study

2. **After 12 credits or 1 year (whichever comes first)**
   - Student forms Advisory Committee - p. 14 and Plan of Study - pp. 16-20

3. **At end of 24 credits**
   - I. Qualifying Exam - p. 22
     - Use PGG form found on PGG website
   - Statement of Intent
   - Coursework

4. **At completion of coursework (Must be taken at least 9 months before final exam)**
   - II. Preliminary Exam - p. 23
     - Register with Grad School
     - 2 weeks prior to exam
   - Pre-Proposal of Research

5. **Within 60 days after Preliminary exam**
   - III. Dissertation Proposal Defense - p. 25
     - Use PGG form found on PGG website
   - IV. Work on Dissertation - p. 26

6. **V. Final Examination - p. 27**
   - Register with Grad School
   - 2 weeks prior to exam